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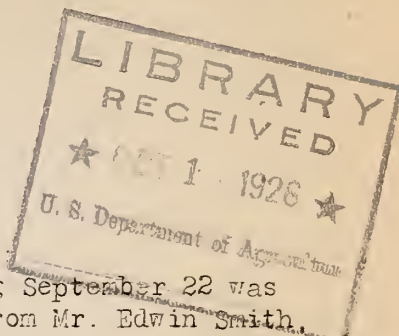
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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET



The British apple market for the week ending September 22 was strong and steady, according to a cable received from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Much of the barreled stock offered on Wednesday's auction in Liverpool consisted of ungraded 2-inch fruit from Virginia, which sold considerably below the prices paid for corresponding varieties of graded apples last week. Virginia Jonathans again topped the market but at lower prices, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch fruit having brought only \$7.30 to \$8.64 this week as against \$10.95 to \$12.17 per barrel last week.

Supplies of Virginia Yellow Newtowns this week were liberal and the demand was good, with prices ranging from \$6.57 to \$7.30 per barrel as compared with \$6.33 to \$6.57 per barrel last week when supplies were light and demand low. Grimes Golden were only in light supply this week but as the condition was only fair and demand moderate prices paid ranged from \$4.50 to \$5.17 for ungraded 2-inch stock as compared with \$5.60 to \$6.33 for A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock last week. There was a good demand for Virginia Ben Davis at \$5.84 to \$7.54 per barrel. Supplies of that variety were moderate. Virginia Jonathans were in liberal supply but the demand was good and prices quoted topped the market.

Pacific Coast Jonathans and Gravensteins were in light supply. The demand was brisk. Only small supplies of boxed apples are available on the British market, says Mr. Smith. Barreled apples from New York were arriving during the week in badly slack condition. The Virginia packs were mostly tight but arrivals from that state were green. Retailers are still without sufficient supplies of good fruit. Apples sold at retail during the week at 20¢ per pound.

The following table gives the range of prices paid for American fruit on the Liverpool auction during the past two weeks:



Prices paid for American Fruit, Liverpool Auction, September 15
and 22, 1926

Variety and Grade	Origin	Price	
		Sept. 15, 1926	Sept. 22, 1926
		Per bbl	Per bbl
York Imperials, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	Virginia	\$ 8.03- 8.76	a/
Bonum, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	8.03- 9.49	a/
" Ungraded 2 inch (Poor condition)	"	a/	\$ 5.60 - 7.06
Grimes Golden, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	5.60- 6.33	a/
" " Ungraded 2 inch...	"	a/	4.50 - 5.17
King David, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	8.52- 9.73	a/
" " Ungraded 2 inch ..	"	a/	7.30 - 8.52
Jonathan, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	10.95-12.17	7.30 - 8.64
" Ungraded 2 inch	"	a/	6.93 - 8.52
Yellow Newtown, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	6.33- 6.57	6.57 - 7.30
Ben Davis, Ungraded 2 inch ...	"	a/	5.24 - 7.54
Duchess, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	b/	5.35- 7.18	a/
		Per box	Per box
Gravenstein:			
Extra fancy, 163/175	Oregon	4.44	a/
Combination (Extra fancy and fancy) 163/175	"	a/	4.01 - 4.20
Winter Banana:			
Extra fancy, 163/175	Washington	3.77	a/
Jonathans:			
Combination (Extra fancy and fancy) 163/175	"	a/	4.38
C-Grade, 150/larger	"	a/	3.22
Wealthy:		Per crate	Per crate
New England crates, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$...	New England:	a/	2.19 - 2.43
New Jersey baskets	" Jersey	a/	1.52 - 1.53
		Per bbl	Per bbl
PEARS:			
Hudson River Bartlett	New York	c/6.20- 9.61	d/3.85 - 4.93
Kieifers	New England:	a/	4.01
		Per box	Per box
Hardy, fancy, 150/165	California	a/	5.84 - 5.96
Banjou, 90/120	Oregon	4.87- 5.47	4.87 - 5.35
		Per crate	Per crate
PRUNES:			
Fancy	Idaho	a/	2.43

a/ None quoted in cable. b/ State of origin not given in cable. c/ Wet
condition. d/ Bad condition.

